



Boston National Historical Park

Charlestown Navy Yard

Boston, MA 02129

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Programming Season

● Spring ● Summer ● Fall ● Winter

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Boston National Historical Park preserves and interprets Boston's involvement in the American Revolution and the establishment of one of the first United States navy yards. The park tells the human story of the struggles, ideals, and sacrifices Bostonians made for the fight for freedom. The park also tells the human story of the Charlestown Navy Yard and the naval defense. The park includes five historic sites on the Freedom Trail, Bunker Hill Monument, Dorchester Heights Monument, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

The park offers a variety of educational programs, several of which are offered through partnerships with the Bostonian Society and the Old South Meeting House Association.

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If Buildings Could Speak

ESPECIALLY FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

If Buildings Could Speak

● Spring ● Summer ● Fall ● Winter

Faneuil Hall and Old State House have served as centers for revolutionary protest for well over two centuries. *If Buildings Could Speak* introduces students to two historic sites on Boston's Freedom Trail: Faneuil Hall and Old State House. Students begin this two hour program at Faneuil Hall where they meet a park ranger who introduces them to Faneuil Hall and its many uses. Students then take part in a scavenger hunt, exploring the building's architecture and exhibits to find clues that tell about the people, events, and protests that have shaped the building's history. Students visit the Old State House where an Old State House educator introduces them to interactive exhibits on the royal government. The program concludes with a puppet show featuring Leo the Lion and Gus the Grasshopper.

If Buildings Could Speak was developed through a partnership between Boston National Historical Park and the Bostonian Society. Participating teachers receive an *If Buildings Could Speak* Activity Book with pre-visit activities that prepare students for the program and post-visit activities that extend learning beyond the program.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 1 & 2).

Target Audience

Grades 3-6

Class Size

15 - 30 students

1:10 chaperon to student ratio

Cost

\$2.00 per student

Availability

Available year round.

Accessibility

The program is wheelchair accessible.

Food

Downtown Boston offers a variety of options for lunch.

Restrooms

Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available.

Reserving a Program

Reservations are required and are recommended six months in advance. To reserve a program, call 617/720-3292 or write to the Bostonian Society, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.

Directions/Parking

Wheelchair accessible bus parking is available on the street.

Driving Directions

From the North or South:

Route I-93 to Storrow Drive to the Government Center exit. Faneuil Hall is located on the corner of Congress and North Streets next to Quincy Market and Government Center. Contact the Bostonian Society at 617/720-3293 for up-to-date driving directions.

For Further Information

Contact Sue Goganian at 617/720-3292.

“Don’t you yearn for those bygone days when people talked about ‘**the King...**’ They meant royalty and not Elvis... Don’t you miss the peace and quiet of the old days? Why stress hadn’t even been invented back then.”

*Leo the Lion talking with
Gus the Grasshopper*

“You seem to be forgetting something **King baby.** Things were not quite as peaceful around here as you remember... Do you remember the Stamp Act riots of 1765?”

Gus to Leo

Boston

Rosie the Riveter

Rosie the Riveter

● Spring

Students participating in this ninety minute program explore the contributions women shipyard makers made to the war effort during World War II, and uncover some of the challenges both women *and* men faced working side-by-side in a traditionally male dominated industry. During a forty-five minute hands-on workshop, students compare and contrast traditional roles occupied in pre-World War II and present-day American society, and examine wartime propaganda to learn how the government attempted to convince women to move into traditional shipyard roles. An interactive activity emphasizes the value of teamwork and raises student awareness of the contributions women *and* men made to the war effort. Students then take a thirty minute tour of the World War II destroyer USS CASSIN YOUNG which brings to life the results of the cooperative efforts of Navy Yard employees.

Teachers receive a *Rosie the Riveter* Activity Guide with pre-visit activities that prepare students for the program and post-visit activities that extend learning beyond the program.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 4 & 12).

Target Audience

Grades 5-6

Class Size

15 - 30 students

1:7 chaperon to student ratio

Cost

FREE

Availability

Available in the spring.

“...we worked hard, but
it was for a purpose.
It just wasn’t a job.”

Gloria Brandenburg,
Boston Navy Yard Worker

Accessibility

The workshop portion of this program is wheelchair accessible. The World War II destroyer USS CASSIN YOUNG is not wheelchair accessible.

Food

Students can picnic outdoors on the grounds. No picnic tables are available.

Rest rooms

Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available.

Reservations

Reservations are required and are recommended four to nine months in advance. To reserve a program, call 617/242-5689, e-mail sandy_norris@nps.gov, or write to Boston National Historical Park, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.

Directions/Parking

Bus parking is available at the site.

Driving Directions

From the South:

Route 93 north to exit 25 (Causeway Street/North Station). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Causeway Street and follow to the first traffic light. Turn left onto North Washington Street, cross the Charlestown Bridge, and turn right at the first light onto Chelsea Street. Proceed to the first traffic light and turn right onto Warren Street, then take the first left onto Constitution Road. The Visitor Center/Bunker Hill Pavilion is on Constitution Road on your right.

Mass Turnpike to I-93 north (Expressway North). Follow directions above.

From the North:

Route 1 south over the Tobin/Mystic River Bridge. Follow signs for Charlestown. The exit is one mile after the Bridge and takes you into a tunnel. In the tunnel, follow the exit sign for Charlestown and proceed to a traffic light. At the light, turn right onto Rutherford Avenue and immediately get into the left lane. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Chelsea Street. Proceed to the first traffic light, turn right onto Warren Street. Go a short distance and take first left onto Constitution Road. The Visitor Center/Bunker Hill Pavilion is on Constitution Road on your right.

Route 93 south to Sullivan Square exit. Stay to the left on this exit ramp for approximately 1/3 mile. Proceed up a ramp to Rutherford Ave. Follow signs for Rutherford Ave./City Square. On Rutherford Ave, you will pass Bunker Hill Community College on your right. At this point, get into the left lane. Pass a Shell gas station on left. Immediately before the Charlestown Bridge, at City Square, turn left onto Chelsea Street (If you go over bridge, you've gone too far). Proceed to the first traffic light and turn right onto Warren Street, then take the first left onto Constitution Road. The Visitor Center/Bunker Hill Pavilion is on Constitution Road on your right.

For Further Information

Contact Celeste Bernado at 617/242 5652 or email celeste_bernado@nps.gov.

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Tea is Brewing

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● Spring ● Summer

Tea is Brewing is a two hour interactive workshop that engages students in a series of experiential activities designed to teach about the Boston Tea Party. The program takes place at three sites: Faneuil Hall, Old South Meeting House, and Tea Party Ship. At Faneuil Hall, a park ranger introduces the concept of a town meeting, which sets the stage for activities at the next site. Students then go to Old South Meeting House where they assume the roles of Patriots and Loyalists and debate the 1773 Tea Act. Students reject the British tax on tea and walk to the Tea Party Ship where they dump tea as colonists did over 225 years ago!

This program is developed and offered through a partnership with the Old South Meeting House. Teachers receive pre-visit materials that prepare students for the program and character cards for an on-site role-play activity.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 1, 2 & 3).

Target Audience

Grades 4-12

Class Size

10 - 40 students

1:10 chaperon to student ratio

Cost

\$5.00 per student

Availability

Available spring and summer.

Accessibility

The program is wheelchair accessible.

Food

Downtown Boston offers a variety of places for lunch.

Restrooms

Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available.

Reserving a Program

Reservations are required and are recommended well in advance of desired program date. To reserve a program, call 617/482-6439.

Directions/Parking

Wheelchair accessible bus parking is available on the street.

Driving Directions

From the North or South:

Route I-93 to Storrow Drive to the Government Center exit. The program begins at Faneuil Hall located on the corner of Congress and North Streets next to Quincy Market Shopping Area. Old South Meeting House is three blocks from Faneuil Hall and Tea Party Ship is a short walk from Old South. Call 617/482-6439 for up-to-date driving directions.

For Further Information

Contact Jill Sanderson at 617/482-6439.

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“These Patriots are lunatics if you ask me. There is no way that a small group of colonies can stand up to and demand rights from the King of England. It is Madness!”

Loyalist character card

Phillis Wheatley

Phillis Wheatley: Mother of African-American Literature

● Spring ● Fall ● Winter

Students participating in this ninety minute program visit Old South Meeting House and take a walking tour of Phillis Wheatley's neighborhood to learn about the life of the country's first African American poet. At Old South Meeting House, an educator uses Wheatley's image, poetry and letters to introduce students to the author. Students participate in a scavenger hunt to become familiar with Phillis Wheatley's church. Students then try their hand at writing with quill pens similar to those used by Wheatley over 200 years ago. A Boston Historical Park ranger takes students on a walking tour that brings Wheatley's 18th century neighborhood to life. In the event of inclement weather, an indoor activity will be substituted for the walking tour.

Teachers receive a packet of materials with pre-visit activities that prepare students for the visit and post-visit activities that extend learning beyond the program.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 1, 2 & 4).

Target Audience

Grades 4-12

Class Size

10 - 28 students

1:10 chaperon to student ratio

Cost

\$4.00 per student

Availability

Available spring, fall, and winter.

Accessibility

This program is wheelchair accessible.

Food

Downtown Boston offers a variety of options for lunch.

Rest Rooms

Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available.

Reserving a Program

Reservations are required and should be booked at least three weeks in advance. To reserve a program, call 617/482-6439. Space is limited. Reserve early for spring programs.

Directions/Parking

Wheelchair accessible bus parking is available on the street.

Driving Directions

From the North or South:

Route I-93 north or south to Storrow Drive to the Government Center exit. Old South Meeting House is located in downtown Boston on the corner of Milk and Washington Streets. Wheelchair accessible bus parking is available on the street. Call 617/482-6439 for up-to-date driving directions.

For Further Information

Contact Jill Sanderson at 617/482-6439

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“I young in life, by seeming cruel fate
Was snatch'd from Afric's fancy'd
happy seat...”

*Phillis Wheatley, from poem written to
Earl of Dartmouth, 1773*

Merchants and Farmers

Merchants and Farmers in Battle

● Spring ● Summer

Students taking part in this two hour program at Bunker Hill Monument explore the lives and motivations of the eighteenth century colonial soldiers who united to face superior British forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill. A park ranger dressed as an eighteenth century colonist presents a soldier's perspective of the famous June 17, 1775 battle. Students learn about the life of an eighteenth century "citizen soldier" through a discussion of period clothing and a hands-on examination of items from a soldier's pack. Through artifact handling and discussion, students find out who these citizen soldiers were, and discover that their own lives, feelings, and motivations are not so unlike those of the early colonists. After taking part in a mapping exercise that shows how the landscape influenced the battle, students gather to watch a skilled ranger perform a musket firing demonstration that brings the scents and sounds of battle to life. In closing, students have an opportunity to climb to the top of the monument to see for themselves the strategic role the hill played in 1775.

Teachers receive a Bunker Hill Monument Brochure and a *Merchants and Farmers in Battle* Activity Book with pre-visit activities that prepare students for the program and post-visit activities that extend learning beyond the program.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 1, 2 & 9).

Target Audience

Grades 3-6

Class Size

15 - 40 students

1:10 chaperon to student ratio

Cost

FREE

Availability

Available in the spring.

"If we should be called
into action... I hope to
have courage and
strength to act my part
valiantly in defence
of our liberties
and our country..."

Peter Brown, citizen soldier

Accessibility

This program is wheelchair accessible.

Food

Students may bring lunches and picnic outdoors on the grounds. No picnic tables are provided.

Rest Rooms

Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available.

Reserving a Program

Reservations are required and are recommended four to nine months in advance. To reserve a program, call 617/242-5689, e-mail sandy_norris@nps.gov, or write to Boston National Historical Park, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.

Directions/Parking

Limited on-street parking is available in Monument Square. Additional parking is available nearby in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Driving Directions

From the South:

Route 93 north to exit 25 (Causeway Street/North Station). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Causeway Street and follow to the first traffic light. Turn left onto North Washington Street, cross the Charlestown Bridge, and turn right at the first light onto Chelsea Street. Proceed through three traffic lights, then turn left onto Vine Street which becomes Bunker Hill Street. Turn left onto Lexington Street. At the top of the hill you will be in Monument Square alongside the Monument.

From the North:

Route 93 south to Sullivan Square exit. Stay to the left on this exit ramp for approximately 1/3 mile. Proceed up a ramp to Rutherford Ave. Follow signs for Rutherford Ave./City Square. On Rutherford Ave, you will pass Bunker Hill Community College on your right. At this point, get into the left lane. Pass a Shell gas station on left. Immediately before the Charlestown Bridge, at City Square, turn left onto Chelsea Street (If you go over bridge, you've gone too far). Proceed through three traffic lights, then turn left onto Vine Street which becomes Bunker Hill Street. Turn left onto Lexington Street. At the top of the hill you will be in Monument Square alongside the Monument.

Route 1 south over the Tobin/Mystic River Bridge. Follow signs for Charlestown. The exit is one mile after the Bridge and takes you into a tunnel. In the tunnel, follow the exit sign for Charlestown and proceed to a traffic light. At the light, turn right onto Rutherford Avenue and immediately get into the left lane. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Chelsea Street. Proceed through three traffic lights, then turn left onto Vine Street. which becomes Bunker Hill Street. Turn left onto Lexington Street. At the top of the hill you will be in Monument Square alongside the Monument.

For Further Information

Contact Ethan Beeler at 617/242-5669, or email ethan_beeler@nps.gov.

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What's Behind a Monument

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● Spring ● Summer

Dorchester Heights Monument commemorates the evacuation of the British from Boston in 1776. *What's Behind a Monument* is a ninety minute program at Dorchester Heights Monument. A park ranger meets the group and takes them to the top of the monument where students compare the modern view with images and descriptions of the 1776 landscape. Using old maps and illustrations, the park ranger discusses the strategic location of Dorchester Heights. Students then build a model of the 1776 fortifications and discuss the evacuation and its effect on the loyalists and patriots. The program closes with a discussion of the design of the monument and a description of other monuments in Boston.

Teachers receive a *What's Behind a Monument* Activity Book with pre-visit activities that prepare students for the program and post-visit activities that extend learning beyond the program. Teachers may also borrow slides of Dorchester Heights to use with students prior to the program.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 1, 2 & 9).

Target Audience

Grades 5-12

Class Size

15 -30 students

1:10 chaperon to student ratio

Cost

FREE

Availability

Available spring and summer.

Accessibility

Most of this program is wheelchair accessible. Contact the site for accessibility information.

Food

Students may bring lunches to picnic outdoors on the grounds. No picnic tables are provided.

Rest Rooms

There are no restrooms at this site.

Reserving a Program

Reservations are required and are recommended six to nine months in advance. Call 617/242-5689, write to Boston National Historical Park, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, or e-mail sandy_norris@nps.gov.

Directions/Parking

Limited on-street parking is available.

Driving Directions

From the North or South:

Route I-93 to the Mass Turnpike exit. Follow signs for South Boston/Broadway. Take a left at the 1st set of lights onto Broadway Street. Follow Broadway Street to the fourth set of lights and turn right onto Dorchester Street. Take the next left onto Old Harbor Street and proceed up the hill to Thomas Park and Dorchester Heights Monument. Call 617/242-5689 for up-to-date driving directions.

For Further Information

Contact Sheila Cooke-Kayser at 617/242 5689 or email sheila_cooke-kayser@nps.gov.

“I hear that General Howe said,
‘My God, these fellows have
done more work in **one night**
than I could make my army do in
three weeks’.”

Abigail Adams to John Adams

Boston

Making a Monument

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● Spring

“The
Bunker Hill
Monument...
stands a
memorial of
the past and a
monitor to the
present, and to
all succeeding
generations.”

Daniel Webster,
June 17, 1843
dedication of the
monument

Bunker Hill Monument commemorates the June 17, 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill. *Making a Monument* is a two hour program that combines a classroom exercise with a visit to Bunker Hill Monument. The program begins with a park ranger leading a classroom discussion with students about monuments. Through displays and discussion, students discover why, where, and how monuments are built and learn the concepts of commemoration, stewardship and preservation. Students are then given the opportunity to design their own monuments using classroom art supplies. After designing their own monuments, students travel to Bunker Hill Monument where for an activity that teaches how to identify monuments using the small markers, plaques, and statues in the neighborhood and at the site of the battle. Inside the site's Exhibit Lodge, park rangers use displays and illustrations to talk about the building of Bunker Hill Monument which was dedicated on June 17, 1843. Students are then invited to investigate the monument's construction first hand by joining a park ranger for an interpretive climb up the 294 steps to the observation platform.

Teachers receive a *Making a Monument* companion booklet with pre- and post-visit activities and materials designed to encourage students to find and appreciate monuments in their own neighborhoods and communities.

Ties to the Curriculum

This program supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science (Standards 1, 2 & 9)

Target Audience

Grades 3-6

Class Size

15-30 1:10

Chaperon to student ratio

Cost

FREE

Availability

Available in the spring.

... a memorial
of the past and
a monitor to
the present

Accessibility

Most of this program is accessible. Contact the site for accessibility information.

Food

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Restrooms

Restrooms are available

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From the West:

Route I-90 east to I-93 north. Follow directions *From the South* above.

For Further Information

Contact Ethan Beeler at 617/242-5669, or e-mail ethan_beeler@nps.gov

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